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THE POST-DISPATCH PLATFORM.

I know that my retirement will make no difference in its cardinal principles, that it will always fight for progress and reform, never tolerate injustice or corruption, always fight demagogues of all parties, never belong to any party, always oppose privileged classes and public plunderers, never lack sympathy with the poor, always remain devoted to the public welfare, never be satisfied with merely printing news, always be drastically independent, never be afraid to attack wrong, whether by predatory plutocracy or predatory poverty.

JOSEPH PULITZER.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Hating Carried Too Far.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:
Why don't some editor or some citizen of sense and influence make a protest against the atrocious behavior of the students of Washington University? Why should a lot of young men, many of them no doubt worthy and sane, permit upper class men to make monkeys out of them and add injury to insult by beating them up with knotted ropes or any other weapon?

What sane and earthly interest should the freshmen feel in the sophomore flag stuck up on a tree out in the woods near Clayton? But the majority of the entire institution is set "tradition" calls for the sacrifice, and the young "rubber" march out to beat and get beaten, endangering life and limb.

Do we observe the professors and officers of Washington University spending nights out in the Clayton brush to beat up and skin up the alumni? Or do the seniors "rush" the professors over the "bolder plate"? Why not? It should be just as funny and elevating a spectacle.

R. L. HOSSLER,
5553 Macmillan avenue.

Music for the People.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

Why not give the symphony concerts in the Coliseum and put the prices within reach of the people? I like good music, as most people do, and believe such concerts would be liberally supported if placed within their reach. The orchestra of Theodore Thomas used to give the highest class of music to packed audiences in Music Hall, Boston, back in the '70s, and at far lower prices than the Odeon scale, even in those times of inflation. During Olinde's tenure, a chorus of 10,000 trained voices accompanied by an orchestra of 2000 instruments, gave, among other works, Mendelssohn's "Flowers of the Forest," and I never expect to hear the like again this side of Heaven.

G.

Barbers' Protest.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

I appeal to you, as an individual barber, in behalf of our profession. A morning paper has been the advertising medium of the barbers ever since they reduced the rates lower than any paper in the city. Now they have taken upon themselves to publish an entire Sunday page condemning the barbers and hair dressers of the whole universe for what reason? I can't imagine, unless it is to further the interests of a certain firm selling safety razors, just before the holidays. Now, according to the article, all that remains for the barber to do is to declare war on human parasites—and they have accomplished their one desire—exterminate the barber. They have denied us the right to serve the public when it most desires our service.

Kansas City is serving the public every Sunday—regardless of games. I feel that one paper in the city should take up the cause of the barber. Every other mechanic in the city can work all day, Sunday and nobody kicks—not even the organizer of the barbers' union, who is a member of the Central Trades and Labor Council. I can repeat any statement made by the eminent specialists in the Sunday paper referred to.

GEO. E. LONG,
3260 South Compton avenue.

More About the Tent Shows.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

Our tent shows are without any doubt the only pleasure that the poor class of people have and it looks as if the City Counselor and Building Commissioner McKelvey are working only for one class of people. All our tent shows are located among the poor people and are patronized by them. The people get their money's worth and don't have to dress up to attend the shows; also save on their amusements, which is quite an item at the end of a year.

Another thing that helps the poor class of people is that the proprietors of these tent shows that I know of north of Cass avenue and east of Jefferson avenue do a lot to relieve the suffering of the poor during the winter when help is needed. I know of cases where coal was sent by the tent show to poor families, also provisions by the tent show. Let any policeman go to any of these tent shows and I have in mind asking for help for any poor family and it is there for them, without question. I know some children run on the streets asking that tent show for coal and provisions. If the tent show would be attended to, do we want to run men like these out of business because they don't put their money in high priced buildings instead of some poor destitute stomach?

I remember about three tents burning in the west end years ago and one tent, the fire last night, was in the east end.

JUDGE SANBORN'S ACTION.

Judge Sanborn's order requiring the Frisco receivers to bring suit for restitution against certain officers and directors of the railroad who participated in syndicate deals with the road is the logical result of the Frisco situation.

Judge Sanborn takes the view expressed several weeks ago by the Post-Dispatch that the receivers should bring restitution suits. In order to be fair to all parties he gives Receiver James W. Lusk, who has not been connected with the Frisco, exclusive charge of the suits and appoints the attorneys for Stockholder Niles, who sought to bring suit, counsel for the receivers.

As Judge Sanborn remarks, the only way to assure a fair hearing for all parties and to get a just conclusion is in court. The case must take its course there. All the facts will be brought out and the rights and interests of the persons concerned adjudicated.

As an agent of publicity which has thrown the searchlight on the Frisco scandal and has done all in its power to destroy the wretched system of across-the-table dealing the Post-Dispatch sees in this action a greater reform victory than that of obtaining justice for stockholders. We hail it as a decisive blow at the railroad graft system. If restitution shall be ordered, officers and directors of railroads will stop dealing with themselves. If there are legal obstacles to just restitution they will be removed.

But beyond all this is a greater victory which a complete disclosure of the facts will bring. This victory lies in governmental supervision of railroad finances for the honest and efficient expenditure of railroad money for necessary railroad purposes. Stock watering and jobbing will cease.

In the approval by leading railroad men, such as B. F. Bush of the Missouri Pacific, C. H. Markham of the Illinois Central, H. U. Mudge of the Rock Island, S. M. Kelton of the Chicago & Great Western and others, of Federal regulation of railroad finances is the end of railroad opposition to the proposal. The railroad men, like the bankers in the matter of banking and currency reform, see the light. They recognize that honest and efficient railroad management is assured if railroad development is to go on. They must take the public into their confidence and show clean hands. This will solve the railroad problem.

Hobson's mistake is in carrying his Chauvinism into the congressional debates.

PRESIDENTS UNDER FIRE.

President Wilson entered the house, (says the account of the fire in the home of Mrs. J. H. Neville at Gulfport, Miss.) and encountered Mrs. Neville. Addressing her, he said: "Your house is on fire, but do not be alarmed. These gentlemen here will put it out if you will show them how to get to the attic." This is the least bit academic, but it does very well, considering the stress of the moment and the fact that he had spent the morning on a strange golf course. Besides Mr. Wilson went South for rest.

Mr. Roosevelt would have dashed into the house crying "Stand aside!" in the tone of a fire engine gong. He would have galloped up the stairs like a troop of cavalry, and extinguished the fire himself with great enthusiasm, pausing only to acknowledge the cheers of the spectators.

Mr. Taft would have remained unhappily in his automobile and, after due consideration, have sent the secret service men in to put out the fire.

THAT GREAT STORM ALONG THE NEW JERSEY COAST

May have had no other object than to add verisimilitude to some new F. Hopkinson Smith tale of Barnegat Light.

AS A GENTLEMAN WOULD DIE.

Could a man choose to die in a finer way than W. H. Heap Jr., was fated to die, while carrying Christmas cheer to a crippled lad in Denver?

Young Mr. Heap was a former resident of Paterson, N. J., who had become a health exile in the West because of tuberculosis. Learning that the mother of a boy of eight years had said that there "wasn't any Santa Claus for poor children," Mr. Heap left the sickroom, stocked his automobile with a sled, a train of toy cars, clothes, candy and other gifts for the destitute family and started out to deliver them. His car becoming stalled in the snow he staggered along with his burden, was overcome by exhaustion, and died.

The living may felicitate this fine-fibered young man on a manner of death that must excite a glow of pride in all hearts. He died as men may best desire to die, on a mission of generosity and self-sacrifice. Is there a higher impulse of human character?

It is not long since a newspaper thrashed out the question "What is a gentleman?" through columns of correspondence exhibiting various contradictions of opinion on the subject. At least there can be no disagreement that a man who died as Mr. Heap was a gentleman.

JUSTICE AND THE 25,000 DEBTORS.

Can justice afford to avail herself of the princely bribe offered her from his cell by Elmer E. Tolman of New York, "king of the loan sharks"? The recorded instances in which the power of money has sought release from the rigors of the law include no offer more remarkable. If his debt to society is forgiven, he obligates himself to forgive 25,000 poor debtors who owe him an average of \$30 each. As soon as liberated he promises to sort out and burn the notes of the 25,000 and relieve the makers of their obligations. He will also suspend immediately new business and wind up all his loan shark affairs by May 1.

It would seem that justice might, without loss of self-respect or detriment to any interest, take cognizance of the request. Because he has always insisted on his pound of flesh, should he insist on hers? Presumably society knows what loan sharks' agreements amount to and will take measures to see that he does forgive the debts to him when his debt to society is forgiven. If this is

"undue influence," it is the undue influence of the New Testament, founded on mutual remission of debts.

"King" Tolman was about the toughest proposition ever encountered in the fight on loan sharks. He had branches in many cities, a business of enormous volume and great skill in avoiding consequences unpleasant to himself. But imprisonment for one month out of his six-month sentence brought him to his knees. Benevolence combating imposition on the small debtor everywhere may take note of the efficacy of the remedy.

A thousand banks have applied for membership in the new Federal system. The number of cities which have applied for one of the regional reserve banks is somewhat smaller.

THE BANKERS' SUBMISSION.

Within three days after the approval of the currency bill 1000 banks had made application for stock in the regional institutions established by the bill. While state banks are included among the applicants, the number is about one-seventh of the total number of national banks in the entire country. It indicates the submission of the banking fraternity to the new order of things under which their business is to become a regulated utility, conducted with a view to the needs of the public. The rush to get in gives plausibility to the belief of Vice-President Edmund D. Hulbert of the Merchants' Loan and Trust Co., Chicago, that much of the opposition to the bill in the West was insincere and was inspired by mistaken notions of fraternal courtesy to Wall street banks, which were fighting the destruction of their advantages under the present system.

No national bank of importance and established business can afford to stay out of the new system. A greater success than that predicted for it while the measure was under consideration is already promised.

Belgian Minister May, vilifying President Wilson's Mexican policy to repay Huerta for helping him get a railroad concession, is important only as he illustrates the evil of the system of Government by concessionaires, which President Wilson has feelingly and justly denounced.

THE PEACE OF THE CHILDREN.

"We will take care of our own dead," was the grim response which union miners at first returned to offers of assistance after the frightful Christmas tree panic at Calumet. Fortunately the hostility between the factions in the Lake Superior copper district softened in the hours succeeding the calamity. Neither side to the controversy can claim a monopoly of the poor privilege of relieving, so far as material resources can, the suffering that will result at this inclement season in the doubly desolated region. Scores of bodies are to be buried, orphans and half orphans are to be cared for and educated and stricken homes, already in want because of the strike, are to be maintained until the shadow of grief has passed.

Mine owners and business men in sympathy with them offer almost unlimited contributions. If the strike is not settled now when all causes of friction are subordinated to the tragedy, when will it be settled? The death of these little children who perished so unnecessarily should at least have the effect of ending in this instance the wrong and injustice chargeable to the ferocious tenacity with which each side pursues its own ends in bitterly contested industrial conflicts.

The war of the workers and the magnates at Calumet should terminate in the peace of the children.

Kansas City wants a regional reserve bank. Tut, tut, little neighbor. Missouri can scarcely demand two, and St. Louis is slated for one of the three chief banks.

President Wilson very properly declined to help a strike leader make capital out of the pitiful tragedy in which 72 persons lost their lives at Calumet, Mich.

THE LATE CARDINAL RAMPOLLA.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.
Cardinal Rampolla received 24 votes on the first ballot when only one was cast for Cardinal Sarto. This was seven in excess of the number cast for Cardinal Serafino Vanutelli, his nearest competitor, and for several ballots this long lead was not maintained but increased. When it began to look as though a deadlock were impending Cardinal Rampolla induced his nearly 30 supporters to transfer their votes to the Patriarch of Venice, and it was in this way that Cardinal Sarto became Pius the Tenth.

It had been frequently asserted, and is perhaps generally believed, that Cardinal Rampolla was defeated through the intervention of the Austrian veto, but this version of what happened has never received any official sanction and has been repudiated by those who were in the best position to know the facts. Soon after the entrance of the present Pope a remarkable article reciting the events of the conclave was published in the Revue des Deux Mondes, where its appearance created somewhat of a sensation. It was not signed, but it contained ample internal evidence of authenticity and its writer described the incident of the veto. He related how, at a certain stage of the proceedings, one of the Cardinals, announcing that he had a communication to make, drew a paper out of his pocket and read a brief protest emanating from the Austrian Government, against the choice of Cardinal Rampolla, but he was very emphatic in asserting that this intervention did not influence the result, and he stated that after the veto had been read the Rampolla vote was increased.

In the opinion of the better informed it was not the Austrian veto that excluded the former secretary of state from the papal throne. It was the feeling against him which had been aroused by the circulation of reports charging him with sympathy for or toleration of Free Masonry or even with being a Free Mason himself. That there could have been any foundation for such stories is quite unbelievable, for Free Masonry in Italy, and on the Continent of Europe generally, is very different thing from Free Masonry in the United States, but the assertion has frequently been made that such was the chief inspiration of the opposition which Cardinal Rampolla encountered.

That may or may not have been the case, but it is more probable that the preference for Cardinal Sarto was determined by the conviction that after the long political papacy of Leo the Thirtieth the highest interests of the church required the installation of a pontiff whose chief characteristics should be fervent piety and religious



THE NEW STUDENT.

JUST A MINUTE.

Written for the Post-Dispatch by Clark McAdams.

THE OLD WOODEN SLEEPER.

How dear to our hearts is the old wooden sleeper,
When modern construction recalls it to mind!
The beds, for some reason, seemed softer and deeper,
And it makes us unhappy to hear it mangled.
No doubt it was bad, and the nice, bouncy motion
Denoted its proneness to wreck and collapse;
But nothing can ever disturb our devotion
To the scene of so many luxurious naps.

The old wooden sleeper—the flexible sleeper—
That wonderful balm to the spirit distressed!
That unwitting aid to our friend the Grim Reaper—
The old wooden sleeper that lulled us to rest!

In memory still we shall hear it complaining
When only the branch roads are keeping it on;
When men in their fury are busy profaning
The stiffness of steel in the desolate dawn.
O, where shall we rest while the metal is clanging
Above and below in the perilous night?
O, what shall we do when the steel cars are banging
Across the tie-ends in their terrible flight?

The old wooden sleeper—the flexible sleeper—
That wonderful balm to the spirit distressed!
That unwitting aid to our friend the Grim Reaper—
The old wooden sleeper that lulled us to rest!

How well we remember its soft undulations,
As if one reposed on a billow of cloud!
The way it would groan sliding into the stations,
And the creak of its timbers protesting aloud!
It may be the danger exceeded the pleasure,
And the chance of awaking in this world improves
But how one could sleep to the musical measure
Of all those old boards in their separate grooves!

The old wooden sleeper—the flexible sleeper—
That wonderful balm to the spirit distressed!
That unwitting aid to our friend the Grim Reaper—
The old wooden sleeper that lulled us to rest!

ON "THE TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE"



ANSWERS TO QUERIES

CLIMBERS.
KEEL—Does anyone work with hot water and soap, using a great deal of hot water, and a little ammonia in it will not hurt? Will it dry and set in the sun to dry out, being careful to press it into shape?

H. E. Post-Dispatch News columns.
DE. If had latest reference to the old newspaper game of a fortune in Spain. SUR—First stone of Eads Bridge was laid Feb. 28, 1869, for west abutment. Bridge completed May 28, 1874; cost, nearly \$10,000,000. There were 115 cases of calisson disease and 15 deaths. (We haven't finished bridge data.)

X. Y. Z.—William Strother, a negro, confessed slayer of Dean Cooper, was released from the penitentiary Sep. 5, having served more than 11 years of a 15-year sentence. The crime for which Strother was sent to the penitentiary shocked St. Louis, and until the confession was a mystery. His victim, Dean Cooper, was one of the wealthiest business men in St. Louis. On the morning of Jan. 23, 1901, police were notified by Strother he had found Cooper with his head crushed lying unconscious in the Vista Bath-house. Strother was arrested, charged by Cooper and in which Strother was employed as a rubber.

A. J. J.—The St. Louis Cable & Western road bought the narrow gauge steam road known as the St. Louis Cable Road, which runs from the tracks from Olive and Grand to Florissant, and began building an independent downtown connection for it. The cable system was adopted, an rapid transit was made. The road was reduced here. The downtown terminal, at Sixth and Locust, and the cable cars were laid on Locust, Twelfth, Fourteenth and Wash streets to the junction of Wash and Franklin and Morgan to a point a little west of Vandeventer avenue. Thus a junction was made with the steam division.

HEALTH HINTS.
P. D. Q.—For catarrh: Eat less meat, butter, cream, sugar and white flour, and the combinations thereof, and eat more fruit. Have it stewed, boiled, let saucepan remain over a moderate heat until sugar is dissolved. Never stir from fire. Sauciness now in a channel-lined on which has places in the lining that have been to cause trouble. Bacteria were in best. Jellies and rich preserves should not be classed as fruit. Drink more water, pure spring well water, or else distilled water. These hints are for those who are before or after eating—savour with meals unless a meal should consist entirely of food. Pure air—not air saturated with impure matter thrown off from your own or other people's lungs. Make more exercise in a way that you may enjoy it. If you cannot sleep, rest, but not too much, and enough sleep—two or three hours of it before midnight, with the windows open. These things, and an active mental condition that keeps the blood circulating freely, will insure pure blood—and pure blood is the only real cause for catarrh. Certainly there is no such disease as catarrh. There are conditions, one of which is liable to be called catarrh. To say that a man who has a persistent discharge from his nose has catarrh is to say nothing. It would mean just as much to say that a man who has a charge from his nose. If it is worth while at all, it is worth while finding out what is the trouble. Most cases of so-called catarrh, though, are not worth while at all. It is a general decline, or anything else. It does not spread, and it is not contagious. If it is inconvenient enough to call for attention, have it attended to right away. The catarrh would be better off if it had never been much rest. The danger for him to do is to lead a normal life, and let it go at that.

LAW POINTS.
PETER—The State law forbids shooting on Sundays. You will not find in your license any Sunday netting. F. C. X.—The Missouri Public Service Commission has received complaints, and may by order fix the maximum price of gas, electricity or water. We have Public Service Commission, Jefferson City.

T.—For writing in a mail package not sealed you could be arrested. The master could not open a sealed package and as first-class postage must be paid on sealed packages, the master would have no object in opening them.

JOHN.—If one infant buys a piece of property from another infant, the mother has no right to sue for the money recovered on the other. No ask the property back the consideration must be tendered.

I. C.—The maker of the seed of tort having died, no foreclosure could be placed against the estate. If the holder foreclosed without waiting that time the sale is not valid, and he did not intend to sell, may set the case right depending upon facts, but it is doubtful.

L. H. B.—(Supplemental.) Here is another statement in regard to 80-year leases: One reason and perhaps the main one is that the contractor who wishes to preserve the fee to his heirs, and the generations when it will certainly become more valuable; it also provides him an income. The same man who would have if he sold and invested the proceeds. In something else, but the family line is generally the contractor. For those that lease it is a family line. The contractor who is a man has money enough to put up ground he could only buy ground by mortgaging all for the money. He charges his enterprise only with the interest in the ground, and rent while avoiding for himself and unto the third or fourth generation the necessity of obtaining the principal.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SCOT.—Scotch verdict: In Scotland a jury may bring in a verdict of "not proven."

T. M.—In regard to license for small amateur wireless telegraph station, write U. S. Radio Inspector, Chicago, Ill.

TO ALL READERS.—We do not undertake to answer by mail or telephone, as we have no bureau of information.

C. R.—A Japanese tea garden was invited to come in Japanese dress. The house was decorated with flowers and built in Japanese style. The hall light was covered with Japanese paper to form a lantern, and the new paper lanterns were banked with ferns and chrysanthemums. The garden, lighted with electric lights, was transformed into simulated chrysanthemum garden with green paper to make the stems, and the globe was covered with yellow paper and cut out and set out to form the golden flower. The dining room was decorated with tiny Japanese lanterns. The loss were served in Japanese style. The food was also in Japanese style, and the atmosphere was very pleasant.

P. K.—The Federation News reports St. Louis church members: Roman Catholics, 24,775; Protestants, 2,145. According to the Directory of the United States among the Roman Catholics in the world. And 10 per cent of the inhabitants control the last six acres.

For New Year Day.

Of course, it's just possible that Hurts and Congress are saving their good resolutions for New Year's.

Exception to the Rule.

From the New York Sun.
Enquirer—New brooms sweep clean.
Brother—No cleaner than old brooms before Christmas.

REVIEWS OF NEW BOOKS

"RICHARD FURLONG."

THAT rare avis of the song. The miller's son, turns up at last; And having waited for him long, Our mood is far from overcast. The young man is a likely sort, Despite eclipse by sisters sweet, And millponds being the resort Of such as ballads always treat.

Escaping early from the mill— Well knowing that a miller's son Would never cause a mortal thrill— He entered London on the run. Here he concealed his origin, And thus escaped the blight of birth, As miller's sons must do to win Respect and homage on this earth.

That past which was not quite a past, But still required well living down, He put far back of him at last, And then made captive of the town. What wiles he used, what tricks employed, And how well Love, that friendly elf, Assisted, were the more enjoyed. By reading this fine book yourself.

"Richard Furlong," by E. Temple Thurston. (Appleton.)

THE LUCKIEST HUNTING STUNT. HAVING failed to convince a good many readers of newspapers that he actually spent two months in the Maine woods without weapons or any of the means of civilization, Joseph Knowles has written a book, "Alone in the Wilderness," detailing his adventures, at the end of which he promises that he will, "in the near future," repeat the experiments under conditions that will leave no ground for disbelief. His book is worth while, as it contains a great deal more wood lore and nature sketches than did his newspaper story.

And it is well illustrated. The boys and young men who are unspoiled by city life will enjoy it. Incidentally it contains some good hunting anecdotes, one of which is called "The Luckiest Hunting Stunt." Here it is, as told by Andrew Douglas, an old guide.

"It was back in the old days of the muzzle-loading gun. One day I started out hunting ducks. I went down the bank of a stream and after a while scared up a flock, which rose from the water and lit on the limb of a tree. I tried to get into position to make a clean sweep of them all, but couldn't seem to do it. So I went under the tree, and taking aim fired at the center of the limb on which the ducks sat. Of course, as the bullet sped through it split the limb, but before the ducks could fly away the split came together again, catching everyone of them by the toes. While they were fluttering and trying to get away I loaded up again and took aim at the butt of the limb close to the tree. This shot out

the limb off, and as it fell it dropped into the stream.

"I rushed into the water after it, and finally caught it, with every duck still attached. I waded out of the water with about a score of fish in the seat of my pants, which had swum up the legs of my trousers.

"I remember, just as I made an extra high step to get a firm footing, one of my suspender buttons snapped off, buzzing away from me like a bullet. A rabbit coming down to the stream to drink got the button right in the eye and it killed him.

"That was my luckiest day in the way of hunting." (Small, Maynard & Co.)

"A JUDICIAL BLUNDER." ABBE JACOB GOLDSTEIN, Jewish chaplain of Sing Sing prison, has written and published a book of 124 pages which he calls "Twenty Years in State's Prison," through a judicial blunder. It is a recital of the case of Alfred Schmitz, "the story of an injustice and a plea for justice."

The conviction of Schmitz and his sentence to 20 years in prison are declared by the author to have been a judicial blunder by which an innocent man is made to suffer. Schmitz was convicted in New York of entering a dwelling and making a felonious assault. The crime of another is alleged to have been inflicted upon him because he had incurred the enmity of certain police officials by threatening to complain to their superiors of certain alleged irregularities on their part.

The author proposes that a petition be presented to the Governor to appoint a judicial commission to re-trial the case and everybody connected with it. The book pleads for help in this movement.

THE CASE IS GONE INTO by the author with great care and diligence and he arraigns severely the persons he accuses of responsibility for the infliction of injustice on Schmitz and the judicial system which made it possible. SOCIALIST TEXTBOOK. THE growing interest in Socialism has brought forth a number of important books about the subject. Many things coming from the press are in favor of this idea which only a few years ago had only a few obscure exponents.

The latest addition to the literature on the subject comes in the form of a textbook by Jesse Wallace Hughes, Ph. D., under the title "The Facts of Socialism." The book was really written at the request of the Socialist party because the need for a short, concise treatise of the subject was felt by Socialists.

Dr. Hughes has demonstrated his ability to treat the subject in an unbiased manner in her book "American Socialism of the Present Day," which appeared a short time ago. The author has not declared herself an adherent of Socialism, but her work has won favor

THE BEST SELLERS.

Following is a summary of the St. Louis booksellers' reports to the Post-Dispatch on the best selling books of the past week.

The leading book on the list is given six points, the next best is given five points, etc.:
1. "The Inside of the Cup," Winston Churchill (McMillan), 34 points.
2. "Ladies," G. S. Porter (Doubleday-Page), 15 points.
3. "The Woman Thou Gavest Me," Hall Caine (Lippincott), 7 points.
4. "Iron Trail," Rex Beach (Harper's), 6 points.
5. "T. Temeron," Burnett (Century), 4 points.
6. "Polly Ann," G. S. Porter (Doubleday-Page), 3 points.

among Socialists for her fair treatment of the subject.

In "The Facts of Socialism" the author gives a statement of the principles. She does not theorize. She gives the student an opportunity to form his own opinion of the subject after reading the book. Each chapter contains a bibliography to enable the reader to pursue the subject further. There are also a series of questions at the end of each chapter which should prove helpful to the serious student of the subject.

The book may be used in connection with college classes. It is a book which will give a good understanding of the subject to anyone desiring to understand Socialism without going to the ponderous volumes of its originators. (John Lane.)

"THE LARGER VISION."

THE larger vision which A. R. Lambert brings to the consideration of vital subjects affecting human life is tinged with optimism. By "the larger vision" he means, in fact, the out-and-out optimism which he has come to espouse. He undertakes to reveal God not as blind force making for righteousness, but as an all-wise and loving heavenly father, who takes note of life from the beginning, making the amplest provision thereafter.

His treatment of various religious subjects is in the sermon-lecture style. Through all there shines a cheery spirit and there is no mistaking the optimism that moves the man. He has put forth the small volume in the hope that others may catch this spirit. (Sherman, French & Co.)

THE CHEMICAL BANK.

IN 1877, years ago, when the first Cornelius Vanderbilt commanded a steamboat and the first John Jacob Astor's home stood on the site later used by the historic Astor House, and when the only "white lights" on Broadway were moonlight and starlight, the New York Chemical Manufacturing Co. obtained a New York State charter authorizing it to engage in the business of banking. It opened, in 1877, the first bank on Broadway.

Under seven presidencies the Chem-

ical has come sturdily down the 90 years, conspicuous always, and about equally, for ultra-conservative banking methods and its ability to stand squarely and firmly upon its own feet, in good or evil times. The bank's history, and something of the personal history of the men who made and maintained it, is told in a book of 170 pages, privately printed. Fifty or more illustrations include many views of old-time New York, examples of the bank's early banknotes, portraits of its presidents and views of its new banking house. It was not until 1882—nine years after obtaining its charter—that the Chemical company subordinated the manufacturing to the banking end of its business. Thereafter it became, and for more than a half century has continued to be, one of the most profitable institutions in the whole history of banking. Its dividend rate rose steadily until, in 1888, a dividend of 150 per cent was declared. The amount has been maintained without change up to the present time, though the rate per share was of course changed when the capital was increased in 1907 from \$300,000 to \$2,000,000. The market valuation of the bank's stock reached high water mark—and set a record not equaled by any other big bank in America—when in April, 1909, two shares sold on the Real Estate Exchange for \$4000 per share, par value \$100.

In the book's concluding chapter, "Surrounding and Origin of the Chemical Bank," several pleasant anecdotes are told, and sidelights on the life of the Manhattanese in that early day are given, for contrast, with present conditions. For instance:

"The Astor House was opened in 1838. The regular charge for room and board was \$1.50, including four meals—breakfast at 8, dinner at 3, tea at 6 and supper at 9. The bill of fare contained all the delicacies of the season and was served in a most ample manner. A peep into the inner workings of the hotel revealed the most meager furnishings for the sleeping rooms—no carpet on the floors, a scanty supply of water, and no hot or cold baths at any price."

A LITTLE GIRL'S DREAM.

"MARY ELIZA'S WONDER LIFE," by Mrs. Osoro R. Davis, is a volume of real fairy tales worth while, which, perhaps, might more properly be called the day-dreams of a little girl.

The little stories are just the things a child would do and think, and portray the fanciful thoughts of a girl's imagination if given a free rein to wander in the land of what she would like to have, and what she would like to be, if she had her choice.

The volume is without pictures, but the word-pictures convey the thoughts so graphically in simple sentences that illustrations seem wholly unnecessary. It is a relief from the many weird tales for children which are truly fiction and deal with the impossible. Mrs. Davis' characters have the fas-

cination of the fantastic, yet the happenings told of are the things every little girl dreams almost every day of her tempestuous childhood. (Sherman, French Co.)

THE COLONEL'S EXPERIMENT.

THIS is a charming story for girls in the younger age, for it deals with the most interesting period of a young girl's life. It is a story of a northern girl who visits relatives in Maryland. It shows how she is able to clear up a misunderstanding that dated back to the Civil War, and how she was able to reopen the home of her grandfather, a house to which no visitor had been welcomed for over forty years. After the house had been opened the Colonel gave his granddaughter entertainments to which a whole country side was invited. A short love scene gives the story an interesting conclusion. (Appleton.)

"THE GREATEST OF THESE."

"The Greatest of These," Robert O. Lawton, who occupies the chair of English in Lander College, presents a collection of concise essays of high moral purpose, written in an effective and graceful style touched with the charm of a certain poetic quality. The brevity of the essays will commend them. This feature is likely to be the more appreciated because brevity is one of the merits of persons who write essays of high moral purpose. The essays are in the main theological and also religious, which cannot be said of all theological writings. The meaning and mission of life are discussed in fresh, vigorous fashion. Most of the contents of the book have heretofore appeared in Southern Methodist publications. (Sherman, French & Co.)

WHEN SAINTHOOD WAS IN FLOWER.

THE saints that are the subject of H. G. Henderson's discussion are well-remembered heroes and heroines of English record, Daniel, Rebecca, Joseph, Ruth, Jonah, Samson and others. He does not confine himself to an analysis of the characters of these representatives of sainthood, but uses them rather as a basis for the citation of modern instances of sainthood along the same lines. His viewpoint is conventional and conservative. The book will be found suggestive and useful by ministers and other public speakers on religious subjects, providing very adequate material for discourses along similar lines. (Sherman, French & Co.)

CLIFF STIRLING, FRESHMAN AT STORMBRIDGE.

A STORY of college life showing the characters of the different freshmen by contrast. The hero, Cliff Stirling, a remarkable football player, makes the team in his freshman year and plays the position expected by another. The other freshmen, who come to the college with a big reputation, also makes the team, but both he and his friends think he should have the position that Stirling won. The friend contrives a scheme to show that Stirling is a professional. He not only proves that Stirling is not a professional, but that the scheme is dishonest. It culminates in the downfall and eviction of the schemer. (McKay Co.)

Military Attache Reprimanded. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Max Charles B. Hagadorn, military attache of the American Embassy in St. Petersburg, was found guilty by courtmartial yesterday of disobeying orders and sentenced to a mild reprimand. He was tried for "disobeying the command of the President of the United States to remain at St. Petersburg until further orders."

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Hunter Probably Fatally Shot. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 27.—Tucker Groves, farmer of New Berlin, was ac-

cidentally shot and probably fatally wounded yesterday by John Anderson, when they were hunting.

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It's Better to Give Than to Receive Especially in the Pugilistic Game

MR. SHORTSPORT: He thought he had a Carnegie under his roof, for a moment

By Jean Knott



DUFFY ASKED TO FIGHT WELSH AT COLISEUM, JAN. 8

Buffalo Scrapper Will Be Busy New Year's Day and May Want Later Date.

SHELTON GETS MATCH

St. Louis Scrapper Fights Joe Thomas Jan. 2 at San Antonio.

Freddie Welsh of Pontypridd, Wales, may be seen in action against Jimmy Duffy, the fast and clever Buffalo lightweight, in a bout at the Coliseum here, Jan. 5 or 15. The National Athletic Club has wired terms to Buffalo and it is thought the New Yorker will accept. A letter from Duffy received here a few days ago expressed his willingness to battle here Jan. 15 or later. He stated at the time that as he had an engagement to fight Frankie McCann at Buffalo, Jan. 1, the interval would be too short, if he consented to come Jan. 2.

The local club is still holding out for this date, although one of the officers of the club stated today that this point would probably be yielded to Duffy, if he accepts the club's terms.

Duffy has come to the front the last year or so, and has made tremendous strides. He is so considered well to make Welsh extend himself to the limit. The proposal to use Harry Trendle against Welsh has apparently been abandoned by the National Club's management.

Kid Pappas Coming.

Kid Pappas, the Kansas City Greek, who administered the flop punch to Ollie Kirk at Springfield, Mo., a few days ago, has been engaged for a match here in one of the preliminaries to the Welsh-Duffy go. No opponent has been picked for Pappas, but it is possible Kirk will be asked to vindicate himself in a second match. Ollie claimed a fall to the floor, not the Greek's punch, knocked him out.

The Greek is a tough lad with a mule kick in each glove, but Kirk was apparently beating him a mile, when lightning came out of the air and walloped him to sleep.

Skelton to Fight Thomas.

Joe Thomas, the good New Orleans lightweight, and Jack Skelton of this city will battle at San Antonio on Jan. 2. Skelton will be meeting one of the toughest lightweights in the game in Thomas, and will be lucky to come through without a verdict against him.

Kirk After McGovern.

Ollie Kirk, the local boxer, is willing to take on Benny McGovern, another St. Louis product, if any promoter cares to put on the bout. Friends of Kirk have been urging him to seek a bout with the young Irishman. He stipulated that he will meet McGovern any time the latter cares to let him (Kirk) come in at 125 pounds, ring-side.

Kirk argues that McGovern is growing big and that the 125 pounds he is willing to make is not too great for McGovern. McGovern can make 125 pounds, but prefers that weight about 8 o'clock in the afternoon.

Kirk still maintains that he was not in the center of the ring when counted out in a recent bout with one Young Pappas in Springfield, Mo. As proof that he is not afraid of the Greek, Kirk invites him to come to St. Louis or anywhere else for a return bout.

If the baseball slaver doesn't work in the winter, he is ready, as a boxer, and it is the slaver's job to see that the boxer is not too great for the slaver. It is then pictured as a sportswriter who didn't lay up enough during the summer to live through the winter. Rick Atwood decided to keep in condition this winter by picking lumber in Chicago, and now he is being held up as a "horrible example."

Nelly Let's get married and go home for a few days. Nelly Let's get married and go home for a few days. Nelly Let's get married and go home for a few days.

True Blues Tricked Into Defeat by All-Star Eleven Regulars Out of Game

Visiting Soccer Team, Which Was Humbled Here Christmas, With Four Subs in Lineup, Will Use Full Strength Today.

By W. J. O'Connor.

THAT Manager John Watt of the True Blue soccer team of Paterson, N. J., was "tricked" into putting his weakest team in the field Christmas day against the alleged Ben Millers, who won 5-1, is the charge made by the visiting kickers.

"We were told," said one of the True Blues Saturday, "that the Millers were soft, so four of our regulars and best men—Rowe, Winning, Hudson and Riatt—were not started in the game, as the field was in miserable shape. Soon we learned that by acquiring Sheehan, McCormack and Lancaster the Millers were anything but soft. They were tough nuts that we couldn't crack, but we had to take our medicine as they served it."

"In today's game with the Columbian A. C. and against the St. Leo's tomorrow we will have all our regulars and we expect a different story. We feel that an injustice has been done, and unless the league officials formally and officially declare the team that beat us Christmas to be an 'All-Star eleven and not the Millers, we will feel that we have been mistreated."

All-Stars, Not Millers, Won.

There is a disposition on the part of the Athletic Park people to appease the visitors' anger by declaring the so-called Ben Millers an all-star team, and thereby retain the friendship of the Paterson eleven. Definite action on this matter will not be taken until the league officials get together.

Despite the raw weather and the mud and snow underfoot, only a few of the participants in Christmas' game were any the worse off for their experiences Saturday. However, goal-keeper McArdle of the visitors, a substitute, suffered a mean cut on his right leg just below the knee. The wound was so painful Friday that McArdle fainted at the dinner table at the Rogers Hotel, where his mates are stopping. His condition isn't serious.

The Columbian A. C. team, which will face the True Blues Saturday, will use only regular players, as will the St. Leo's Sunday. The visitors have been favorably impressed with the local man's work and Riatt, the enemy's goal keeper, is especially liberal in his praise.

Preacher in Line-Up, Innisfails Expect to Trim Toronto Players

The Toronto professional soccer team, which won its opening game of the series here against local teams, Christmas day, will have a stiffer task out for it today when the Innisfails oppose the visitors at Robinson Field.

The Innisfails will have their very best team in the field, including all the heavy men on their reserve list, to offset the weight and rough play of the opposition.

One of the stars who will appear in the lineup for the locals is Jim Easton, who is under reserve by the club, but who has not played with the team since he moved to Gillespie, Ill. Easton is a preacher as well as a miner, and his acceptance of a call to Gillespie caused his temporary retirement from local soccer.

Easton took the trip East with the Innisfails and was one of the strongest assets of that good club. He is heavy, fast and strong. The Innisfails have been handicapped by the absence of Easton as well as by losing the loss of McCaffrey and Hagerty through injuries. As a result of this setback the Innisfails are in third place in the league race.

The Toronto will use the same lineup as last Sunday. The team has not lost a game this season, winning 13 victories and drawing four contests. Even with their best lineup in the field the Innisfails will have to work their best to make a showing.

The Innisfails will have the heaviest

SPORT SALAD

NO CHANCE. There is an old fellow named Sutton. Who counts the points button by button; But unless he can copy The style of young Hoppe, The kid will make mutton of Sutton.

CHRISTMAS GIFT. There was a young fellow named Banty. Who got a nice present from Santy; This young future champ Got a bump on the lamp, Which raised on his optic a "shanty."

On and after Jan. 1, 1914, it will be against the law to make parlor matches. So reads the statutes. Fight promoters will please look this up.

The Typographical Union is seriously considering making Joe Thinker an honorary member of the organization. It's coming to him.

The True Blues are feeling truly blue after their experience of Christmas day.

Cheer up, the worst is yet to come, as the dog catcher said to the dog.

East Surprised at True Blues' Failure

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—When the despatch Ben Millers of St. Louis trimmed the True Blues of Paterson, N. J., 5-1, Christmas day, at St. Louis, followers of the game here could scarcely believe the report.

The True Blues rate well up among the strongest teams of the East, while reports from St. Louis are to the effect that the Millers are far from being top notchers.

There has been an impression here that the St. Leo's comprised the only real playing strength in the Mound City, this view having been gained by the rather indifferent showing of the Innisfails, on their Eastern trip.

After the Ben Millers episode Eastern soccer men expect anything of St. Louis clubs.

"Your boys play a rushing game against our long passing style, and it's effective," said Riatt Saturday. "On a dry field we might be a little better off, but at that it isn't easy to stop a rushing team like the one we met Thursday. It takes a lot of well-conditioned men to play such a game and survive, but your fellows seem to have the necessary stamina."

The lineup: Positions. C. A. C. Riatt.....Goal.....Robertson Murray.....Left fullback.....Sheehan Wilson.....Right fullback.....Dunnigan Taylor.....Center halfback.....Robb Hastings.....Left halfback.....Bubb Lynd.....Outside left.....Mulvey Nelson.....Inside left.....Flanagan Herbert.....Center forward.....Flanagan Elliott.....Inside right.....L. McHenry McAllister.....Outside right.....A. McHenry Wilson.....Left wing.....McHenry Wilson.....Right wing.....McHenry Wilson.....Goalkeeper.....McHenry Wilson.....Referee.....Phil Kavanaugh.

Other foreigners in this race will be the cross-country race at the Olympic games last year, and Willie Knepp, John Pietila and Willie Lindfors of Finland, who have been training here with Hannes Kolehmainen.

American entrants in the race are Efra Wenz, Dave Noble and A. Gibbons. Wenz represents Colby College and Noble, the New York Athletic Club.

Swedish, Finland and Canada Send Representatives to Junior Championships.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The entries of several foreigners for the junior indoor championships of America here Jan. 6, have tended to give it an international flavor. A majority of the foreign runners will be seen in the two-mile running race. In this event M. W. Poller of London, Ont., will make his first appearance in a New York athletic meet.

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FEDERAL LEAGUE SILENTLY TRYING TO LAND PLAYERS

Plans of Third Organization Not Permitted to Leak Out by Heads.

Schedule Makers to End Season on Oct. 4

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Work on the 1914 playing schedule of the American and National leagues will begin Jan. 2 at French Lick, Ind.

President B. B. Johnson of the American League received word today that President Dreyfus of the Pittsburgh club and Secretary Heydler of the National League would meet him at the Indiana resort on that day. Secretary Harridge of the American League will accompany Mr. Johnson.

April 14 has been definitely agreed on as the date for opening the next season, but when the schedule can be completed is not so certain. Oct. 4 will be the closing date if the regulation 154 games can be booked by then.

Although the silence of the Federal League in the matter of reorganization for the coming season has had a depressing effect on those supporters of the national game who wanted to see the outlaws gain a foothold, indications are that the league is quietly working on its feet and plans to go ahead for 1914 are under way.

That one bona fide offer to a St. Louis player has been made very recently is known to the writer. Ollie O'Meara, who is going up to the majors next season, has had an offer from the Pittsburgh club and turned it down, figuring that as he had his way to make, it would be better to string with the national agreement clubs.

Which is busy arranging for a grand stand, and Ned Hanlon is going right on with work on his Baltimore club.

St. Louis seems to be at a standstill, owing, so some rumor says, to the failure of its financial backers to come through with the support needed. Many of the league's friends think St. Louis will be a drag, rather than a help to the game, owing to the low ebb of interest in the Mound City support.

Transportation Too Heavy.

The chief argument being urged against the Federal League's existence under the semi-officially announced circuit, is the territory covered by the circuit. From Kansas City to Baltimore is a far cry when it comes to hauling 15 to 20 men around.

John T. Powers, the deposed president of the league and the man who organized the original league, wanted to contract the territory covered by the circuit, instead of expanding it, because of the transportation feature.

It was because he wanted to cut off Kansas City and St. Louis and take in cities east of the Mississippi that he was sidetracked from the league.

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ORVIE OVERALL AGAIN THREATENS TO RETIRE

Orvie Overall, the big pitcher who used to star for the Cubs in the good old days of yore, is threatening to retire. Overall pitched last season for Cal Briving's San Francisco team and did some great work. The Valdes and Price clubs were rivals all year. Recently Orvie announced that he was going to retire. Orvie was high in the air at last his star twinkled, and then discovered that Overall had accepted a position with a brewery owned by Ed Maler, who also owns the Valdes club.

Cal believes he sees a plot by Maler to take the Price pitcher from the club to weaken his chances to next year. It will probably all fall through when Overall follows the usual procedure of "holing out" for next season at a high or low salary.

AMSTERDAM CLUB WANTS TO SEE YANKEE ATHLETES

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—News of another big stadium for athletics comes from the Netherlands in an invitation sent to the Irish-American A. C. to send a team for the opening of the arena at Amsterdam next May. The invitation was forwarded by W. P. O'Flaherty, the representative in the country of the Netherlands Athletic Union to the secretary of the Irish-American A. C. and asked that the team go to Athens next year after the games in Greece.

WRAY'S COLUMN

Rules That Need Changing.

MILLER HUGGINS and his associates on the Rules Committee of the National League are already taking under advisement plans to alter several playing rules of the national game.

Among the points to be considered by the committee are the following:

The "intentional" pass. Interference with the batsman by the catcher. The trapped ball. The balk rule.

Quit kidding yourself, Adolph. It's a habit we all have, that of thinking we're going to be just as good as we used to be before we began to go back. The best in a man comes out but once in his life; when it passes, it's gone.

O'Day to the Rescue.

WALKING the dangerous batter at the critical times is one proposition that cannot be properly restricted, it is feared. Nevertheless Hank O'Day, a member of the Rules Committee, is in the limelight with the suggestion that the way to accomplish the result is to limit the width of the catcher's box.

O'Day figures that by making the box narrower the ball would necessarily be hurried near enough for the batsman to at least make an effort at it.

No other suggestion made in this connection has been worth while considering as all compelled the umpire to decide when the pitcher was intentionally pitching wide and when not.

A Peculiar Condition.

UNDER the present rules the catcher's interference with a batsman is penalized by giving the hitter his base, the other runners retaining their old positions unless the bases were all occupied.

The weakness of this system was shown in a game last season when, with a man on third getting ready to steal home or score on a squeeze play, the catcher cleverly tipped the batter's club in plain view of everybody, causing him to foul. The play, of course, sent the runner back to third, while the batsman trotted to first base, the privilege granted him for the interference of the catcher. But the almost certain score was prevented.

In future it is proposed that all runners, when a catcher interferes with a batsman, shall advance a base. In this way killing the squeeze play in the manner described will not be permissible.

That Balk Rule.

The balk rule has always caused umpires worry, and a more specific definition of the play is desired. The balk rule change is asked because of a peculiar play that happened during the out, is the territory covered by the circuit. From Kansas City to Baltimore is a far cry when it comes to hauling 15 to 20 men around.

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BOB FITZSIMMONS TOO OLD TO FIGHT, COMMISSION SAYS

Former Champion Will Not Be Permitted to Get Into Ring in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Bob Fitzsimmons, former heavyweight champion of the world, is too old to again enter the ring, even in 10-round bouts, members of the State Boxing Commission say.

On Tuesday, when the matter comes before the commission, the members will vote to prohibit the one-time champion from boxing in the State.

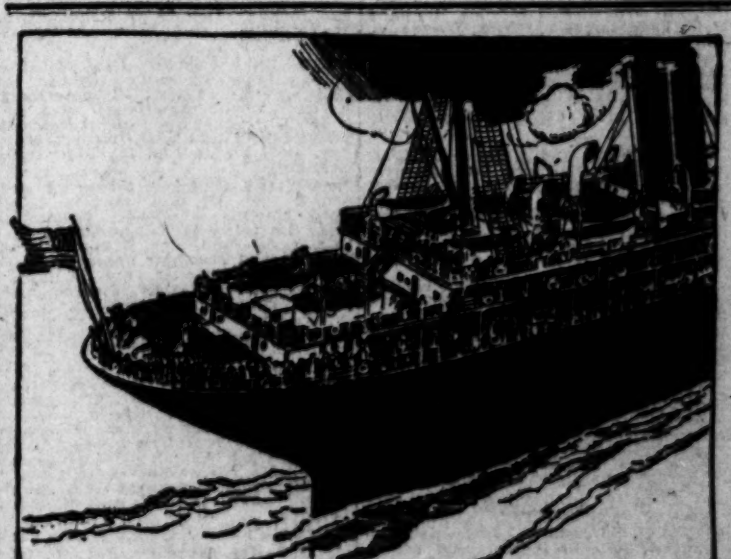
This action against Fitzsimmons, the members of the commission say, will be taken "for humanity's sake." They say that Fitzsimmons is too old to enter a boxing contest and to allow such a feat would be in the light of becoming a farce.

Soon after the New York State Athletic Commission came into existence, more than two years ago, the members quietly went on record against bouts between old fight favorites of the ring.

There is no objection to Fitzsimmons personally, except as to his age. He is more than 35 years old. Now that Fitzsimmons is actually preparing to take part in a boxing bout here Jan. 4, the commission intends to enforce its old rule.

Buffalo Signs ex-Browns.

Manager William J. Clynne of the Buffalo club, announces that Timothy Jordan, better known as the Bison first-base guard, had been returned to Toronto, and that Paul Krithell, ex-St. Louis Brown, and last season a catcher of the Kansas City club of the American Association, had been bought. He would be in a St. Louis uniform next season.



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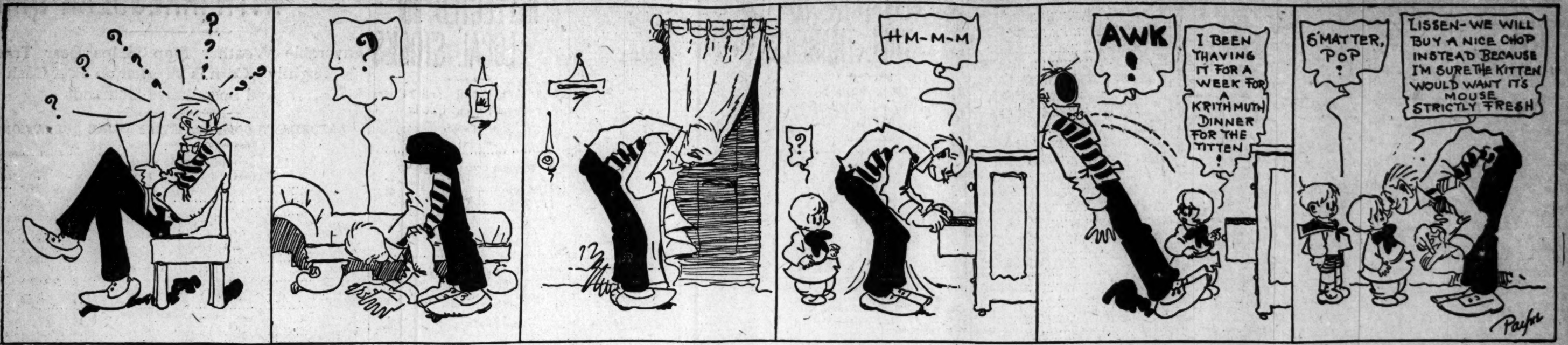
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and, as you say young Mr. Her-
bert Tynnefoyle is in town—
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counted Mrs. Jarr.

"Dr. Gumm," suggested Mr. Jarr,
"it was the Ways and Means Com-
mittee of the little affair Mrs. Jarr
was giving to the visiting Misses
Cackleberry that was in session."

Mrs. Jarr gave Mr. Jarr a look as
though today: "Don't interrupt when
I'm counting up on my fingers. Then
she went on:

"Percy Pickfinger to play the pi-
ano."

"Aw, let us have regular fellows
who, as regards watches and hand-
kerchiefs, believe in a place for ev-
erything and everything in its place—
and that the place for a hand-
kerchief and a watch are the pockets
appertaining thereto."

Mrs. Jarr gave him another look.
"And Dinkston—Michael Angelo
Dinkston—say, he's always interest-
ing"—volunteered Mr. Jarr.

"He isn't interesting. He hasn't a
cent and he's married!" snapped Mrs.
Jarr. "I wish you wouldn't inter-
rupt!"

"No, we don't want him," sniffed
the two Misses Cackleberry.

"He tangles beautifully, though,"
said Mrs. Jarr, relenting.

"Yes, and, as I tell you, he's inter-
esting. You have Dink if you want
to have a good time at your party.
Get Dinkston started and he just
holds everybody's attention."

"No, we don't want him, then," said
Miss Gladys Cackleberry.

"Certainty not," said Irene, the
younger. "I remember being at an
affair at Germantown, and there
were three or four Penn Versity boys
there—fathers had lots of money, and
they were regular boobies one could
have done anything with if one had
them alone, and a Western man
dropped in and got to telling about
hunting mineral water in Death Val-
ley."

"Minerals," interrupted the older
sister.

"Shut up!" replied the other, lovingly.

"He said he nearly died from thirst,
didn't he? Well, anyway, we don't
want any interesting people at any
party where we are at—unless it's
all married people."

"Gee whizz!" cried Mr. Jarr. "I
thought this was to be an entertain-
ment! Well, if it's head-hunting for
a husband, why have the other fel-
lows you spoke about?"

"Jack Silver won't have anything to
do with a girl unless he sees somebody
else wants her," said Mrs. Jarr. "So
if Herbert Tynnefoyle is here paying
attention to Gladys, that will leave
Ralph Terwilliger for Irene. He's only
a clerk, but he dresses in exquisite
taste—I'll keep talking to Jack Sil-
ver and he'll get mad, and just to show
he is a desirable party he's liable to try
to break up the party by daring one of
the girls to go for a spin in his car—
for he'll be up in his car to show off—
and before they come back, maybe
they'll be engaged."

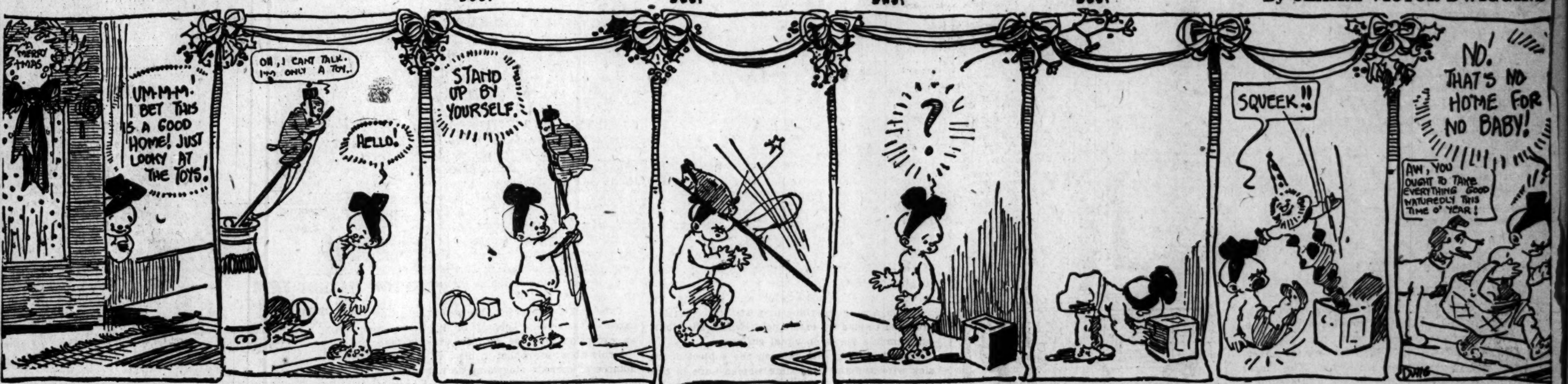
"I guess you won't die happy until
you get that poor old bachelor married
and fast!" said Mr. Jarr.

"It's time he was married," replied
Mrs. Jarr. "And he thinks he's so cute,
he does. Well, I will say if either of
you gets him he'll regret the way he's
shut about while dozens of girls who
would have made him good wives, went
silly over him to no purpose!"

A grim look came upon the faces of
both the Misses Cackleberry and a
steely glint into their eyes. Mr. Jarr
disappeared at the awful fate in store for
a willing friend, Jack Silver, in case
of Misses Cackleberry, either one,
would ever exert an engagement ring
upon this philosopher who had no long tin."

HOME WANTED!

Drawn for the Post-Dispatch
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SIGHTS OF THE TOWN.



Miss Patricia is going into the park for a romp with her two jolly playmates.

escaped the marital snares set for him.
"But Dr. Gumm—Dr. Gilbert Gumm—
a nice fellow," said Mr. Jarr. "He's
getting a good practice around here."
Mr. Jarr had a heart so far as Jack
Silver was concerned. If either or both
of the young lady visitors was to go
home with an engagement scalp, Mr.
Jarr wanted it to be Dr. Gilbert
Gumm's. Mr. Jarr had it in for him.
"I have tried to divert the conver-
sation from your friend, the libertine dan-
cer," said Mrs. Jarr, smiling. "He is a
person for these sweet, innocent girls
to know."

"Why not?" asked Mr. Jarr in sur-
prise.
"He is only a young man, unmarried
and with no excuse for it—not for being
married, but for going to Gus's place.
He's a regular habitué there," cried
Mrs. Jarr. "I'd just as lief the girls
were seen with Don Juan himself. He
looks like a regular demon, with his
velvet hat and Mephistophelian Van-
dyke beard. No, he is no company for
these dear girls."

"Is he so dreadful as all that? Oh,
let's have him!" cried both the young
things.
Mean.
HELEN is an interesting talker.
"Practice makes perfect, my dear."
The average politician who an-
nounces that he hears the people call-
ing him is usually a pretty good ven-



"So you're going to open a jewelry store? Got any capital?"
"Yes. A Jimmy and a crowbar!"

"Does your wife ever pick your pockets?"
"No. She just takes them as they come."



HE (after lengthy pause)—Well, I really must be going home. It's getting dreadfully late.

SHE—Oh, are you really going? By the way, didn't you propose to me?

HE (startled)—Why, yes—of course.

SHE (pleadingly)—Well, do tell me, did I accept you or reject you?

HITS FROM SHARP WITS.

THE information that 80 per cent of
the people of Mexico cannot read or
write goes far to explain things.—Al-
bany Journal.

Where one worries about the income
tax 10,000 worry about the income.
—Deseret Evening News.

Only a man who isn't in the habit of
doing his duty thinks he should be
specially praised when he does it.

The Queen of Roumania weighs 200
pounds; yet the anti-fat remedies are
doubtless advertised in Roumania, too.

At Spitzbergen the longest day in the
year is three and a half months. How
much you like to have 20 days like
that in which to settle the Christmas
bills?—Birmingham News.

It cost 20 cents to distribute one dol-
lar's worth of food in New York, not
counting the tip.—Boston Transcript.

Wow! St. Louis is eating "imitation
lemon pie made of turnips and citric
acid." Tastes bad even to write the
recipe.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

A scientist predicts an interplan-
etary congress in the next few hun-
dred years. Think of the mileage!—
Columbia State.

The new French nickel has a hole
in the center. The hole represents
Alsace-Lorraine, we suppose.—Catho-
lic Bachelor Chronicle.

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